

Comments From The Top
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During Disabled Awareness Day last Friday afternoon, I was given the assignment to put myself into a wheelchair and travel around the campus to experience first hand, or as close as I could come, the worst spots for wheelchairs at Clackamas Community College.

I must admit that at first I felt it may be in bad taste to put myself in a wheelchair and pretend, assignment or not. But I then met Linda Trexler, a general-studies student at Clackamas for over two years, who has always got around on campus with a wheelchair.

Linda, a very kind lady, talked to me about moving around campus in a wheelchair. Although her overall comments were positive toward the set up of the college on a disabled scale, Linda did mention that it was apparent that CCC [handicapped-wise] was designed by someone who was not handicapped themselves.

In the midst of telling me some of the things that could use improvement around campus, Linda decided to show me instead. My arms already sore from the short jaunt to the community center, Linda didn't seem to mind waiting up for me a little as I pumped my arms around those wheels slower than the average.

Our first excursion was to Barlow Hall, where the wheelchair ramp suddenly appeared to be at a very scary 45-degree angle. I borrowed Linda's chair gloves and pointed my nose down. I instantly was going faster than I wanted and the friction between my hands and the wheels was almost unbearable; I forgot about the friction when I realized that in one second I had to make a 90 degree turn without tipping over or hitting the concrete wall. I made it down successfully, but now we needed to go back up the ramp--talk about anaerobic exercise.

Some other things encountered was Pauling has no automatic doors, and regular doors are heavier than expected when in sitting position; and a favorite campus bathroom, according to Linda, which is in Pauling, ironically doesn't have automatic doors.

Linda reports that being in a chair sometimes means being ignored by other non-handicapped people, also people may speak over your head, or just walk in front of you, because sometimes, Linda says, people feel that, "To admit I'm there is to admit that I have a disability--and at times people don't know how to deal with that."

Other obstacles to a chair around campus is that on the McLoughlin elevator, the buttons are too high, and that most of the automatic doors around campus are just a little too slow. The salad bar is too high for people in chairs, not to mention squeezing between the pastry cart and the sandwich bar in Norm's.

And what seemed to be the most frustrating for the disabled that I talked to was having to go to the bathroom on campus. Although Pauling and Randall reportedly have the best bathrooms (women's), one needs to have plenty of time to get to them. Most campus bathroom stalls are either not long enough, not high enough, or if you finally get into one, you won't be able to shut the door.

Next week: the positive aspects of being in a chair.

If you didn't vote, don't pop off

Did you exercise your democratic right to vote or are you one of the 95.6 percent of the students who sat on their laurels and let the other person decide.

The ballots have been cast and counted. The results are in. Only 4.4 percent of the registered full and part time students voted. Even if one just counts the 1,587 full time students registered this term, only 352 votes (22 percent) is not saying much for student

involvement. Why don't more students get involved at CCC? Is it because there isn't a living on campus population or is it that students just don't care enough about campus activities to get involved?

In a democratic society it is one's right and privilege to vote and express his or her opinion. Yet, it goes beyond right and privilege, it is one of the responsibilities of citizenship to vote. If one chooses not to

vote is that person irresponsible? If so, what does that say about the majority of CCC students and our society as a whole?

The recent ASG elections reflect society in that only a few people stood and got counted. If you are one that did vote you are entitled to an opinion regarding the outcome of the election. If you didn't vote, go sit back down on your laurels.

Does the media have the right to refuse?

All ads not endorsed by newspapers

The Clackamas Print staff members for the past month have been puzzled by an advertisement from a local pregnancy center, Caring Pregnancy, because the intentions of the ad were not clear. Most staff members disagreed with one word, "accurate," which preceded the word "information." With the abortion issue boiling-over in the media lately, words connected with organizations like Caring Pregnancy are more closely scrutinized by journalists, writers and the public. It is the responsibility of the journalist to present facts for the reader to determine the opinion. "Accurate" does

not always mean "factual."

At the risk of sounding wishy-washy, The Print, this year, does not take a stand on the abortion issue. The issue has been beaten to death in the papers off campus, and truly, one more paper supporting either side will make little difference. Letters to the Editors and editorials will.

But, the controversy in Trailer B is not about which side of the issue the staff members stand. Not one member of the staff has drawn the line to separate the two camps; however, open war has been de-

clared on misrepresentation.

Fortunately, through some crucial investigating journalistic evidence, The Print has found that Caring Pregnancy Center does give accurate information. Again, this does not mean that this organization is endorsed by this paper. The advertisement is a paid-for-advertisement.

The Print, after weeks of debate, has decided to run the Caring Pregnancy Center's ad in next week's paper. Even though the organization's intentions are not crystal clear, the information in the ad is not inaccurate.

Letter to The Editor...

Disabled person defends automatic doors

An article in the May 2 Print deplored the slowing of the automatic doors as an inconvenience great enough to cause one to be late to class.

Speaking as a disabled person, the

five or six seconds it takes the door to open makes no difference in arriving to class on time. As a matter of fact, the reduction in use by those not disabled results in a net gain of some seconds because I no longer

have to wait for a line of others before I can go through.

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